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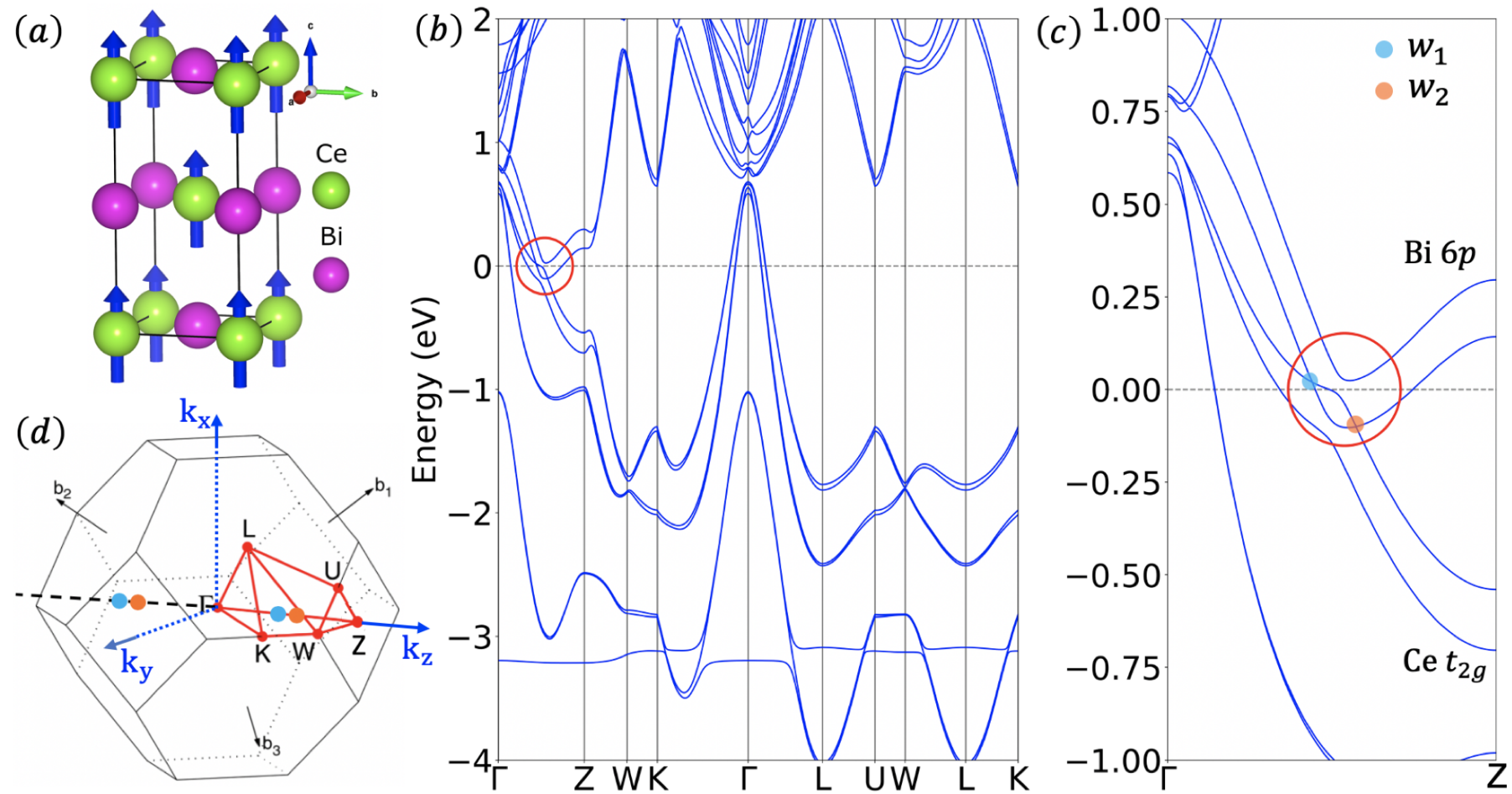
- ❑ Quasiparticle interference of magnetic Weyl semimetal CeBi
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  - ❑ Nonlinear dynamics of Majorana modes in topological Josephson junctions
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# CeBi: Another magnetic Weyl semimetal ?

- Ferromagnetic CeBi with spin polarization along c-axis
- Two pairs of Weyl nodes on the momentum path  $(0,0,k_z)$

Angular momentum:  
 $2.92935 \mu_B$   
Spin momentum:  
 $-0.97470 \mu_B$   
Total:  $1.95 \mu_B$   
in good agreement  
with experiment on  
similar material CeSb

LDA + U  
 $U = 7.9 eV$   
 $J = 0.69 eV$   
LAPW DFT  
Wien2K



PRB 102, 235167 (2020)  
arXiv:2012.14911

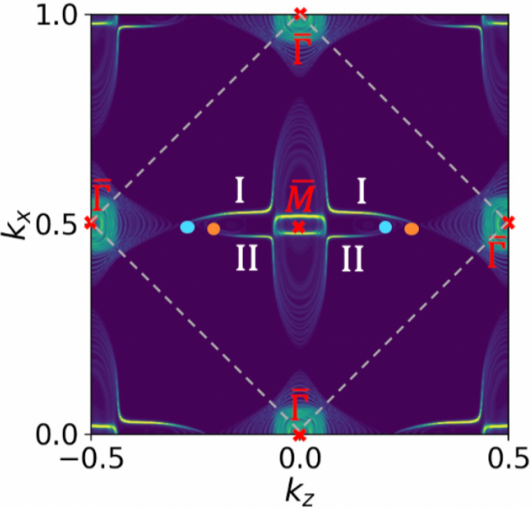
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Spectral function and spin texture of 010 surface

❖ ab initio tight binding model

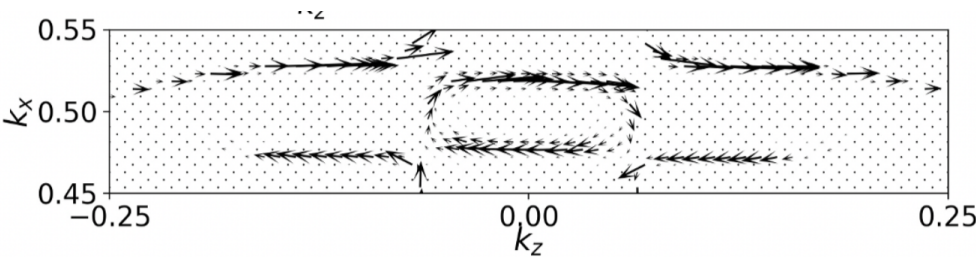
❖ Effectively 64 layers slab

□ Spectral function

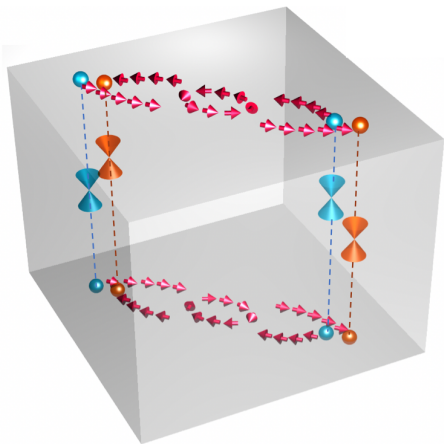


Fermi arc  
I and II

□ Spin polarized Fermi arcs and spin vortex

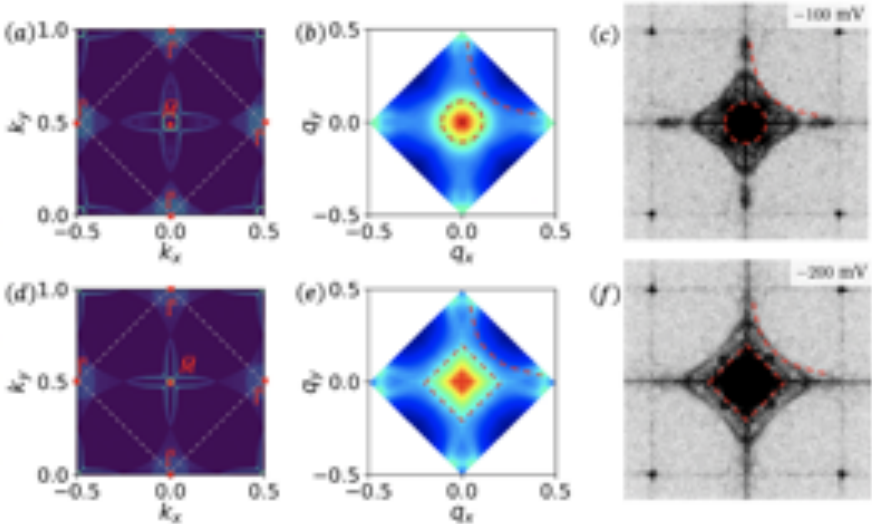


schematic



quasiparticle interference (QPI) pattern

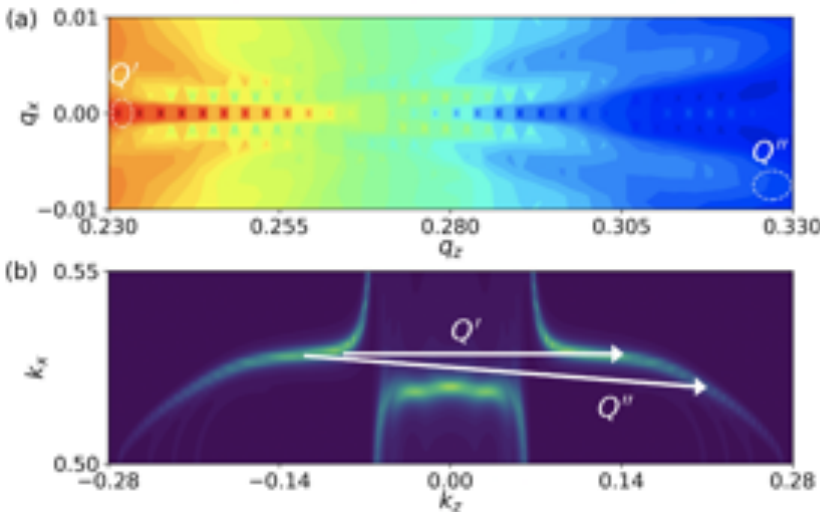
$$QPI(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \int \frac{d^2\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^2} [B(\mathbf{q}, \omega) - B^*(-\mathbf{q}, \omega)]$$
$$B(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = Tr[G(\mathbf{k}, \omega)T(\omega)G(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}, \omega)]$$



Bifurcation-shaped feature

$$T = \left[ 1 - (2\pi)^{-2} V_{imp} \int d^2\mathbf{k} G(k, \omega) \right]^{-1} V_{imp}$$

$T = IV_{imp}$   
take  $V_{imp} \rightarrow 0$   
no inter-orbital or -spin scattering



$$\frac{4\pi}{a} = 1$$

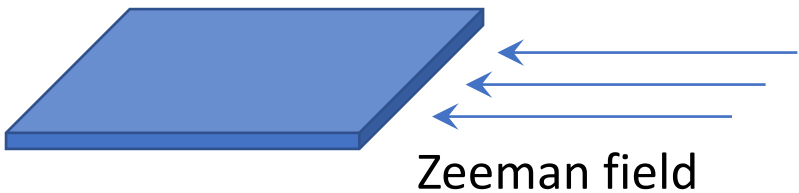
Expected signature  
of Weyl nodes in  
experiments

# Massless Higgs Mode in Fulde–Ferrell–Larkin–Ovchinnikov (FFLO) states

## FFLO state

Thin superconducting film

Particle-hole space



Paper in preparation

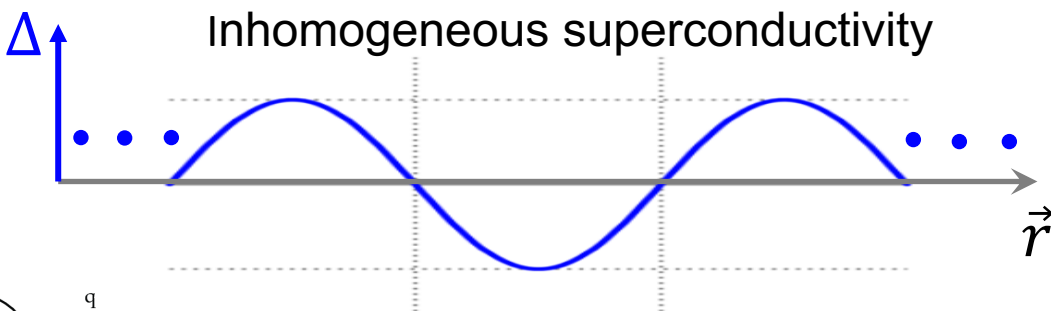
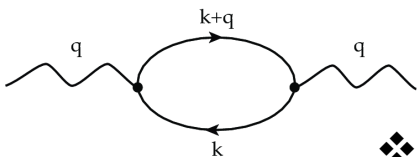
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$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_k - \mu + V_z & \Delta \\ \Delta & -(\xi_k - \mu - V_z) \end{bmatrix} \quad V_z \text{ Zeeman energy}$$

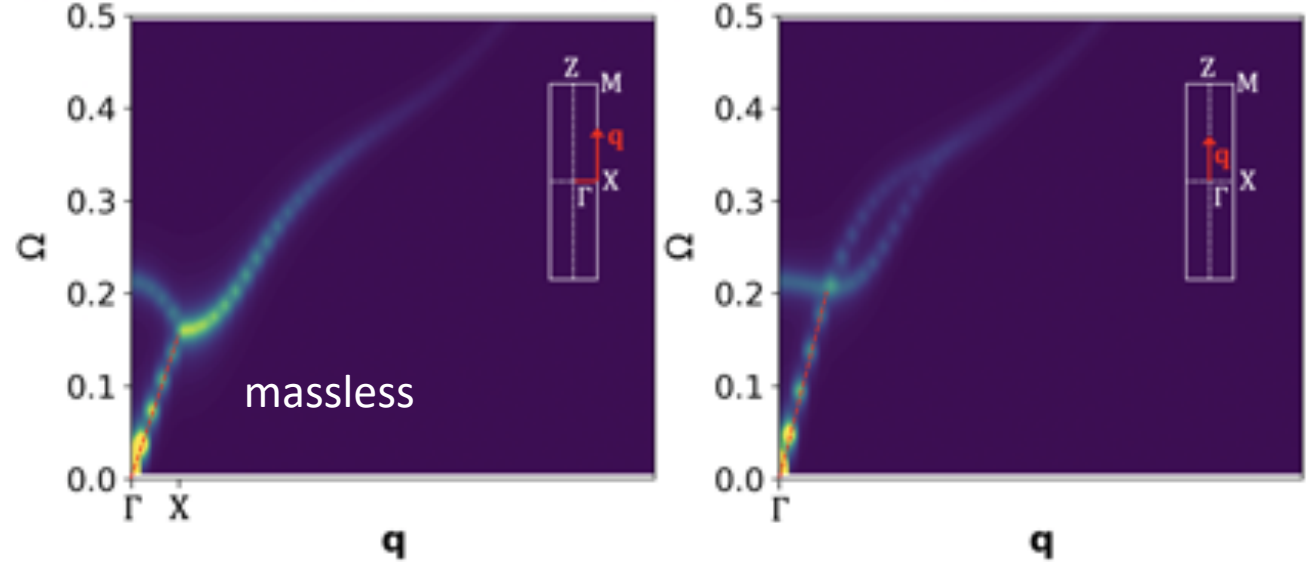
Cooper pairing at different momentum

## Higgs mode

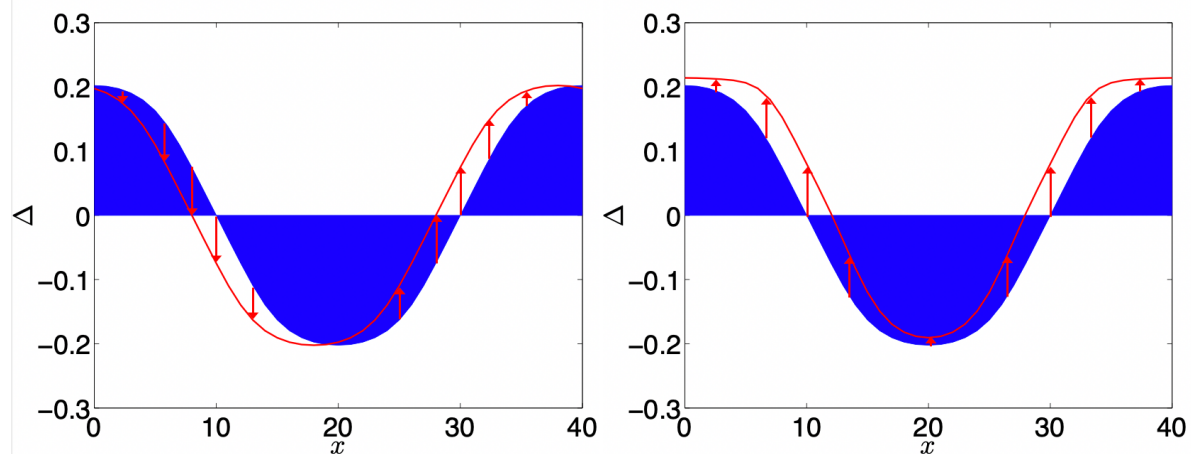
$$\text{Action } S_2 = \int_0^\beta d\tau \int d^2r \frac{1}{g} s^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(G_0 \Sigma G_0 \Sigma)$$



### Dispersion relation



### Two fluctuation modes at Γ point



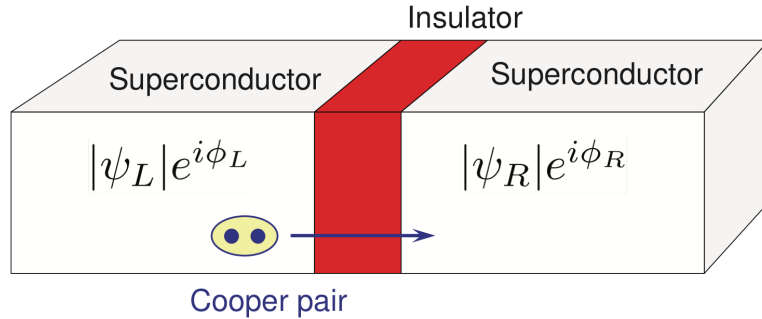
Goldstone mode of broken translational invariance  
= Higgs mode of superconducting gap functions

Goldstone mode is massless → massless Higgs mode  
much easier to be observed experimentally than  
massive Higgs boson



# Nonlinear dynamics of Majorana modes in topological Josephson junctions (TJJ)

## ❑ Conventional Josephson junction



DC Josephson effect:

$$J = I_c \sin \theta$$

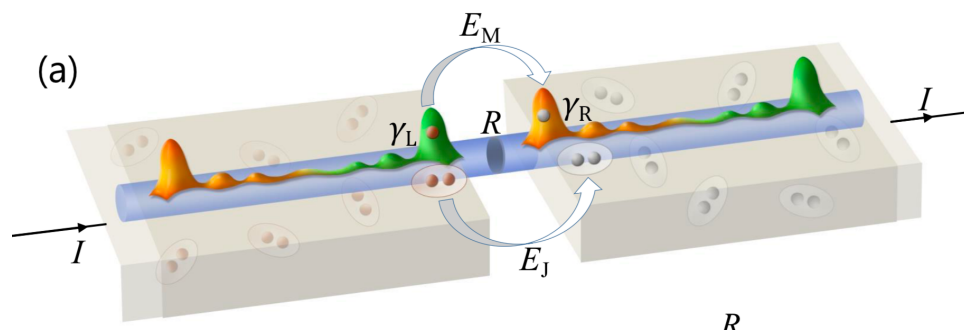
AC Josephson effect

$$\dot{\theta} = 2eV/\hbar$$

PRB 98, 134515 (2018) Jiajin Feng,  
**ZH (co 1<sup>st</sup> author)**, Zhi Wang, Qian Niu

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## ❑ Topological Josephson junction



Two coupled Majorana mode  $\rightarrow$  single-electron tunneling

$$J = \pm I_c \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \quad \begin{array}{l} + \text{ for } |0\rangle \\ - \text{ for } |1\rangle \end{array}$$

L. Fu and C. L. Kane, PRB (2009)

## ❑ Superposition of $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$

In real devices with finite size,  $\gamma_L$  and  $\gamma_R$  weakly couple with two outer Majorana modes

Coupled 4 Majorana modes  $\rightarrow$  two-electron state

Even parity:  $|00\rangle, |11\rangle$       Odd parity:  $|01\rangle, |10\rangle$

Under either parity

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} E_M \cos \theta / 2 & \delta \\ \delta & -E_M \cos \theta / 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

We are the first to consider the effect of qubit rotation on Josephson current in TJJ

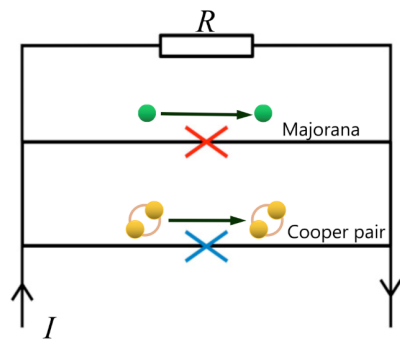
## □ Dynamical equations

Schrodinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0 \\ \psi_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_M \cos \theta / 2 & \delta \\ \delta & -E_M \cos \theta / 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_0 \\ \psi_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

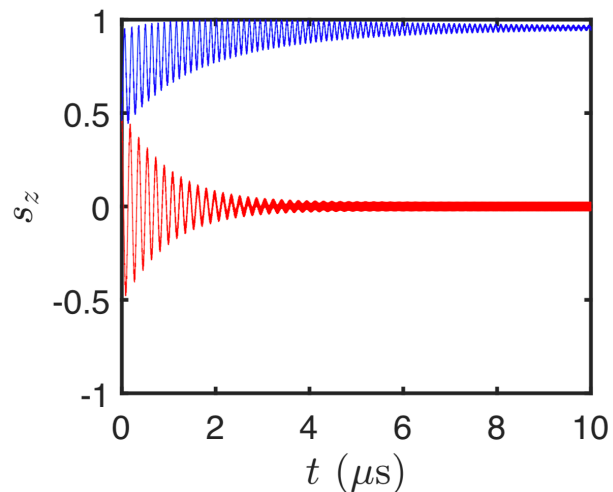
resistively shunted junction model

$$I = \frac{\hbar \dot{\theta}}{2eR} + I_{c1} \sin \theta + I_{c2} \langle s_z \rangle \sin \frac{\theta}{2}$$

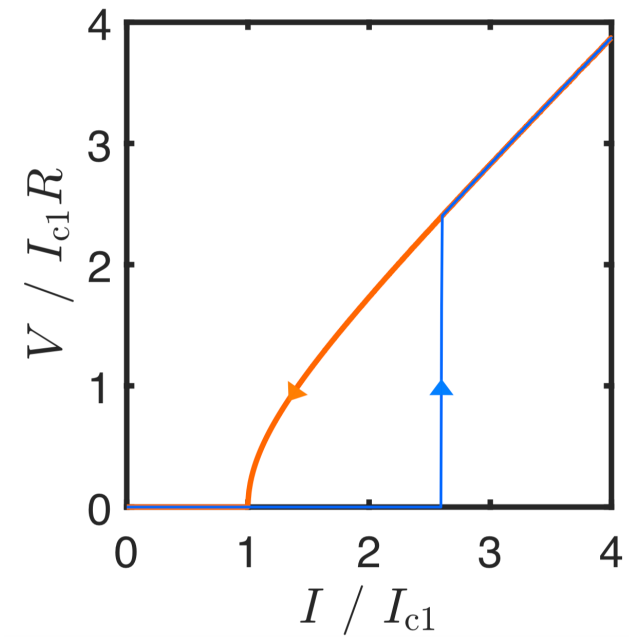


$$\langle s_z \rangle = (|\psi_1|^2 - |\psi_0|^2)$$

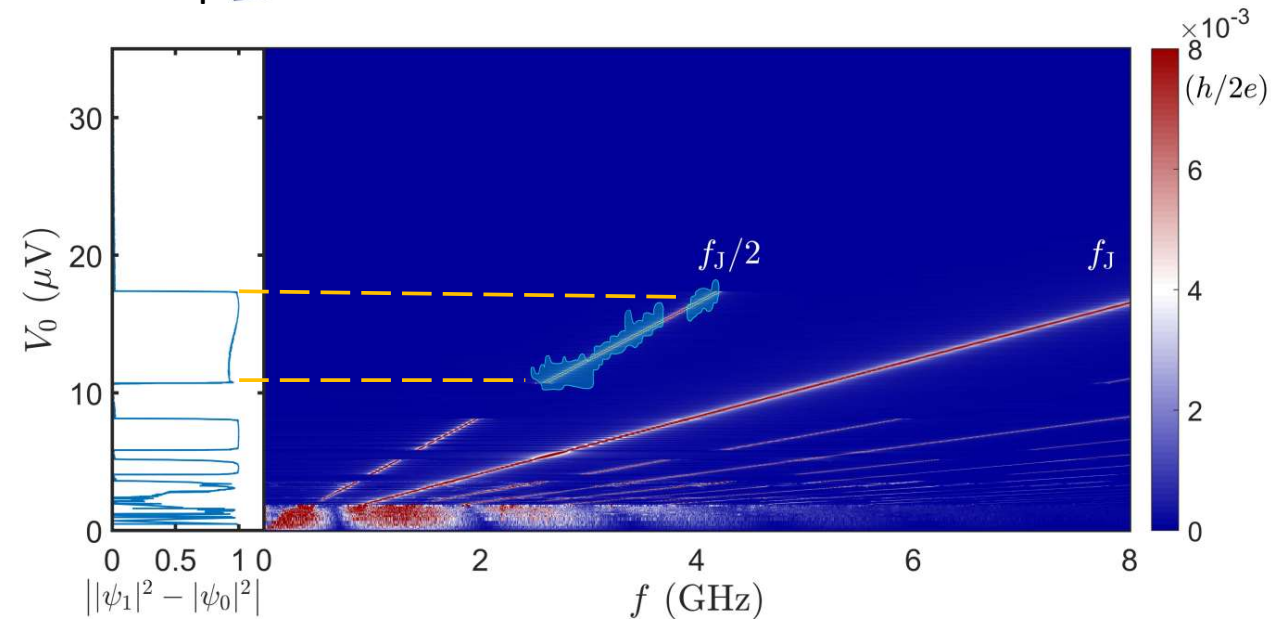
## □ Fixed point of $\langle s_z \rangle$ depending on injected current



## □ Hysteresis in I-V curve



## □ Interrupted radiation line





Other ongoing works:

- 1) Quantum quench between topological superconducting state and trivial superconducting state.
- 2) Dark matter absorption and scattering in topological matters.

Research proposal in field of quantum computation:

- 1) Study quantum dynamical phase transition between topological trivial and nontrivial state on IBM Q system
- 2) Study quantum algorithms to prepare mean-field wave functions in quantum computers
- 3) Develop software based on ab-initio tight models in quantum computers